DID BISMARCK REFUSE TO SEE LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL!

EFFECT OF MR. GLADSTONE'S RECENT SPEECHES-HIS JOURNEY ABROAD - DEMORALIZATION OF THE BRITISH POST OFFICE-SLOW TRANS-ATLANTIC MAILS-ATTEMPT TO JUS-TIFY PRIZE-FIGHTING - THE DURHAM-CHETWYND TURE SCANDAL.

IRY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE! LONDON, Dec. 22 .- The European scare has subsided almost as quickly as it arcse. Telegrams from Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg have dropped from a belligerent to an almost conciliatory Prince Bismarck and Count Kalnoky, say the cynics of diplomacy, have got what they wanted. The cost to the bourse speculators has been heavy. The public for some days was seriously alarmed. St. Peters. arg, whence the panic was supposed to have its origin, was more puzzled by it than any other capital.

The Queen has been detained at Windsor by a severe cold, but had sufficiently recovered to leave for Osborne yesterday, where she intends to remain two months. This, if true, puts an end to the story of her opening Parliament in person.

Copious telegrams about Lord Randolph Churchill's journey begin to arrive from the Continent. The only facts amid many guesses are that he and Lady Randolph Churchill arrived at Berlin, where he called on Count Herbert Bismarck, who returned the call. If, as this dispatch says, they were to leave at once for St. Petersburg, it means that Prince Bismarck declined to see Lord Randolph Churchill; which is a mistake on Prince Bismarck's part, the more so since the Tory leader is not alone. Speculations have already begun about his interview with the Car.

The Duc d' Orleans, son of the Comte de Paris, who has passed his examination at Sandhurst Military College, has accepted a staff appointment with the Rifles, sometimes called the Rifle Brigade, quartered in India. This appointment is without pay and its military duties are perhaps not unlike se performed by the Comte de Paris and Due de Chartres during the Rebellion in America. They will be voluntary; but the Duc d' Orleans would none the less be in an awkward position should war break out on the Afghan frontier and the Rifles be ordered on duty against the Russian troops.

The Home Rulers, I hear, are complaining of Mr. Gladstone's journey abroad. They think he ought to stay in England or, better still, go to Ireland and fill the interval before Parliament meets with more speeches. Perhaps Mr. Gladstone is wiser than they. The effect of his Nottingham speeches on the English public was not such that friends of Ireland need wish them repeated. 'The "Remember Michelstown!" has stirred up much British pugnacity on the side of law. The Ropping episode, with the spectacle of the ex-Prime Minister apologizing under pressure of a lawyer's letter had even a worse effect. Beside, there have been too many speeches. Nobody wants the holidays spoiled with political oratory. Mr. Gladstone now neans to spend his vacation in Italy, chiefly at Rome and Naples.

The usual Christmas demoralization of the British Post Office begins this year earlier than ever before. Letters are many hours late, papers a day The department has a year to prepare in, but is invariably swamped by its own business The eminent permanent clerks who rule the Post Office think a breakdown perfectly natural and

Two new Inman ships of great size and speed are announced as likely to be ready next year for the transatlantic service. Under the present policy of the Pest Office they will carry no mails to New-

Kilrain fought fair, but the English prefer to stand up and fight straight out instead of wrestling as did. Smith objects to Kil-Kilrain did. Smith objects to Kil-the corner of Adams and Aberdeen sts. While in rain claiming the title of champion, and would the act of mailing the letter, she felt some one pulling fight him to-morrow if Kilrain likes. He thinks Kilrain's challenge bluff and he thinks Sullivan's stranger dressed in a heavy dark overcoat and wearing

durance and other virtues displayed by these worthies as a justification for prize-fighting.

The Jockey Club has now a good chance to vindicate the character of the turf, over whose des timies this club presides. Lord Durham's recent accusetions against a certain stable have brought forth a letter from Sir George Chetwynd, one of the best-known racing men in England. Sir George has extracted from Lord Durham, by some pressure, the admission that he did refer to Sherrard's stable, where he has horses in training, and did refer to the way in which one of those horses has lately run. Thereupon Sir George invited Lord Durham either to retract or to fight. Lord Durham refused, and Sir George promises to bring his conduct before the stewards of the Jockey Club and the committee of the Turf Club, adding that he has already satisfied the Jockey Club of the fairness with which the horse in question has been run. Lord Durham retorts to-day that he is ready for a public inquiry into the facts. The stewards of the Jockey Club sometimes take narrow views of their duties, but if they decline to investigate what Sir George Chetwynd calls Lord Durham's insinuations, the law courts are open. An action for libel would clear the air considerably. Lord Durham, I hear, has already placed himself in a lawyer's hands. Wood, the jeekey, moreover, is said to have began action against the paper which named him as referred to by Lord Durham. On the whole, interesting disclesures may be expected. Sir George Chetwynd is one of the shrewdest men on the tarf and least likely to commit himself to any transaction outside the code of turf morals.

KILBAIN AND SMITH AGREE TO A DRAW. Loxbox, Dec. 22.—smith and Kilrain met in the office of "The Sporting Life" to-day and agreed to let their fight stand a draw.

"The Sportsman" announces that it has received \$2,500 from John L. Sullivan to bind him in a match with either Smith or Kilrain, or both. ---

TEYING TO GET RID OF FERDINAND. St. Patensherg, Dec. 22.—Russian diplomats seri-cusly expect some action on the part of Germany, Austria and Italy to induce Prince Ferdinand to with-

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—It is considered still possible to arrange for the resignation of Prince Ferdinand and for the subsequent appointment of a regent in Bulgaria who will be agreeable to Russia.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR GENERAL MILLEN. LORDON, Dec. 22.-A warrant has been granted in the Bow Street Police Court for the arrest of General Millen, the head of the Clan-na-Gael Society, and Melville, formerly agent of the society in London, who

THE WAR SCARE SUBSIDING. are charged with being connected with the dynamite conspiracy in which Callan and Harkins are alleged to have been engaged.

New-Work

THE CROWN PRINCE MUCH BETTER. HIS NECK CUPPED AND HIS BLOOD ANALYZED AT

MILAN. BERLIN, Dec. 22 - The "Tagblatt" says that Dr. Telschow, the court dentist, who went to San Remo to operate on the Crown Prince's teeth, has returned to Berlin and reports the most favorable improvement in the Prince's appearance and also in his voice, which is stronger and clearer

VIENNA, Dec. 22 .- A dispatch to the "New Free Press" from Milan says that on the advice of English physicians the German Crown Prince's neck has been cupped and Dr. Krause is having the blood thus tained analyzed at the Milan laboratory in order assertain whether it contains an excess of sigar a whether it is in a healthy state. Dr. Freund's theor is that the blood of patients suffering from cance contains an abnormal quantity of sugar, and the cancerous growths may be destroyed by a reduction of the amount of sugar.

UNUSUAL PRECAUTIONS ON THE DANUBEL BURHAREST, Dec. 22. All vessels, pontoons and tugs belonging to the Austrian Navigation Company have been ordered from the Lower Danube to Turnseverin for the winter. This is an unusual precaution.

"THE GOLDEN LADDER" AT THE GLOBE

THEATRE LONDON, Dec. 22 .- The Golden Ladder," a new five-act drama, written by George R. Sims and Wilson Barrett, was produced at the Globe Theatre this even ing and met with an enthusiastic reception. Mr. Bar-rett played the part of a Madagascar missionary with

ROSS AND BUBEAR MATCHED. LONDON, Dec. 22.-Wallace Ross and George Rubear have signed articles to row for the champlonship of England and \$1,000 a side. The race will be contested on February 13 over the Thames course. SENTENCING A NATIONALIST PROFEST

DUBLIS, Dec. 22.-Father Matthew Ryan, of the town of Hospital, County Limerick, one of the projectors of the Plan of Campaign, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment, without hard labor, for inciting the people to commit illegal acts.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN UNIVERSITY CLOSED. BERLIN, Dec. 22.-Private advices from St. Petersbur, state that owing to an emeute among the students of the university there the institution has been closed.

EVICTORS ROUTED BY A MOB.

HARSH PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A HOUS HOLD AROUSE THE POPULACE OF NEWBERYPORT.

Boston, Dec. 22 (Special),-For several days Newburyport has been agitated by a peculiar exiction case. The family of Daniel Johnson lived in a house on Markthe premises rent free by reason of a son being he at law to the premises. A short time ago Miss Abble A. Smith, a relative of the Johnsons, claimed to have archased the life-interest of the owner and since then has tried in various ways to oust the Johnsons of Lynn, who claimed to have leased the premises appeared and demanded that the Johnsons should move out immediately. The head of the family, Daniel Johnson, being ill and a daughter also being confined to her bed, they refused to move. his and two assistants proceeded to put the household goods into the street. The family were forced from room to room until they finally reached the parlor where the sick girl was, and the doors of this they barricaded as best they could. Finding they could not be evicted, Jenkins placed his assistants in a room overhead, where they remained, their food being sent them by Miss Smith.

The Johnsons, six in number, huddled together in the parlor Monday night, keeping warm by means of all kerosene stove. On Tuesday the neighbor furnished them fuel, but when they started the fire it combined. Unpleasant threats in a lend tone were made semined. Unpleasant threats in a lend tone were made against the officers baside. Stones were thrown through the windows occupied by the keepers. A gain of men, brought a long ladder and with it the second story windows were quickly emoved. At this inneture the keepers made a bold rush from the rear of the house. The crowd gave chase and candured one of them, a colored man, who was thoroughly frightened by threats of lynching, but was finally released and sent back to Lyan. The other officer e caped.

After demolishing the windows the crowd visited the house occupied by Miss Smith, velling and g conduct beneath the windows. A portion of the crowd returned to the Johnson house and restored the furniture which had been removed.

who came to ber add had raised her up and restoratives had been applied. Mrs. List told a singular story. After braiding her hair preparatory to going to bed, she suddenly thought of an important letter that ought to be mailed, and stepped over to the letter box at the corner of Adams and Aberdeen sts. While in the act of mailing the letter, she felt some one pulling at her hair and turning quickly saw that it was a stranger dressed in a heavy dark overcoat and wearing a flat topped Derby hat. At the same instant the man made a quick motion and the whole braid of her hair fell off in his hand.

Mrs. List shricked for assistance and then fell to the sidewalk overcome with nervous hysteria. If the flower of the bonds to Mrs. Lichtenheim, declared that he return of the honds was an outrage and that her creditors would get legal tarisfaction out of Acting Police Euperintendent Bucgman, of Jetroit.

Kilrain's challenge bluff and he thinks Sullivan's challenge bluff. Kilrain agrees with him on this latter point. Both profess to be ready to fight Sullivan for any sum at any time be likes, supposing he beats Mitchell.

Sir Wilfred Lawson, always a useful friend to every cause he opposes, declares the prize ring only part and parcel of the whole system of Christianity and civilization prevailing throughout Europe. A clergyman of the Church of England has preached a sermon extolling the courage, endurance and other virtues displayed by these

ACTIVITY IN CAR-BUILDING AT BUFFALO.

BUTTALO, Dec. 22 (Special), - The Wagner Palace Car works at East Enffalo now employs 800 men, the shops being kept busy with new work as well as with repairing, which was all that was originally expected to to keep the present force bisy for a year. Large as the shops are, they are too small for the work which will be required during that period. When the new shops were first occupied it was thought that there was plenty of room but the amount of work made necessary by new lines and improvements in old ones, has forced large extensions until the growth has beone almost in elious.
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Of the fifty five new sleeping cars, which were ordered recently, plans for twenty-seven plain cars have already been made and the rest will probably have buffet attachments. Four trains of vestibule cars are being prepared and they will all be running on the road within a few weeks.

One private car for William K. Vanderbilt is now being built and will be turned out in about six weeks. It is intended that this shall be one of the handsomest cars of the kind in the country, although the cost will be only \$18,000, much below the average.

DIVORCED IN LESS THAN THREE HOURS. CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (Special: .- When Detroit boasted of a divorce case where J. B. Be k and his wife Alice were made two within twenty-four hours after filing the bill, society was aghast at the haste and secrecy of the case, but a divorce in Chicago in which even quicker time was recorded has been kept secret for several months. Although the divorce was granted some time ago, it was never given out. John C. Grass, who had reached the age of sixty-five year Grass, who had reached the age of sixty-ave years married a girl of fourteen two or three years ago, but the union was inharmonious and in a few months Mr. Grass was after a divorce. He retained ex_Judge Barnum, who filed his bill one morning, had a quiet hearing before Judge Shepard, at which the bride said she was just as anxious for a divorce as Mr. Grass was, and that after noon Mr. Grass was a free man. The actual time taken for the filing of the bill and getting the decree is said to have been between two and thre

COVERED WITH SLEET IN TEXAS. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 22.-Freezing weather p valled here all day and the city is covered with a co

of ice. The freezing line extended byond the Rio Grande some distance into Mexico. Dispatches to the signal officer here showed that cold weather prevailed throughout the great cattle district of Texas. The therthroughout the great cattle district of Texas. The thermometer at Fort Elliott, in the Pan Handle, registered six degrees below zero at 7 o'clock this morning, and weather of the same degree of coldness prevalled at Fort Davis, 100 miles southeast of El Paso. The cattle country has between these points. At San Antonio the lowest peint marked by the thermometer was 26 degrees above zero. A heavy sleet fell here tonight.

ESCAPED PRISONERS RECAPTURED. PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 22.—John Williams and William Lynch, the cracksmen who escaped from jail here a fortnight ago, have been recaptured, the for-mer in New-York and the latter in Yonkers. ISIDOR COHNFELD COMING BACK.

AND HE SAYS HE CAN PAY ALL HIS DEBTS. HE LEFT HOME ON THE ADVICE OF HIS DOCTOR AND REMAINED AWAY ON THE ADVICE OF HIS

LAWYER. DETROIT, Dec. 22 (Special) .- Not withstanding the fact that Isidor Cohnfeld's bonds were returned to "Mrs. Olsen," the woman who attempted to ne gotiate them, there was filed this morning a bill in chancery on the part of George Silva & Co., of New-York, against Cohnfeld, Sophia Victorine ("Mrs. Olsen"), Deputy Superintendent Borgman, Superintendent Pittman, Secretary Lincoln, R. McServe and the four police commissioners, ask ing the issue of injunctions restraining the police from delivering the bonds to Cohnfeld and Victorine. The injunction was issued and served on Pittman, McServe and Borgman. It is contended the statutes provided that when property is in the hands of the police, the proprietorship of which is until proper proceedings can be taken by the claimants. " Hoffman," the man in Windsor, conscated to talk to a TRIBUNE reporter.

" My name is Isidor Cohnfeld," he said; "I am go back to America simply because I do not care to. I have not failed in business in New-York, but my business has fallen away simply because I have been on a trip for my health. I have crediters in that city, but I will have about \$250,000 with which to satisfy them. The fact is I have have been made within the post few days. The business in New York is going on slowly under elling backward and forward ever since.

"The bonds you speak of are the personal property of the lady who had them in Detroit. I dol. Lane County, not like to cross the river to offer them for sale anything crocked about the transaction, and be | eral other counties, and the greatest suffering prewas right. The bonds were bought and regularly valis, paid for. When I left New-York I had no bonds

"Failed?" continued Mr. Cohnfeld, "Well, onel Quigg, manager of the Atchison, says: not much. I am a trifled embarrassed, but my liabilities amount to about \$750,000 and my assets days and see to matters personally. My assets think that explains the whole matter."

Mr. Cohnfeld would not say who "Frankie Olsen" is beyond the statement that she is not his former housekeeper and no member of his family At the hotel she was registered as his daughter

At the hotel she was registered as his daughter and called him "pa," but that was their little joke. How she got the bonds Mr. Cohnfeld would not say. She is a widow and has lived in New-York and Toronto. He has travelled under an assumed name because everybody knew his right one, and if he kept it they would worry him to death asking him about New-York and the trotting horses.

The Detroit counsel for the woman talk of starting a suit for damages against the bankers who aroused the suspicions of the police and instigated the arrest. They say that the only suspicious circumstance in the eyes of the bankers was the unusually large amount of money displayed by a stranger in the city who tried to transact business at their banks. Cohnfeld, "Mrs. Olsen" and Attorney J. B. Clark left Windsor for the East on the 1 o'clock train this morning. They did not make known their destination, and it is supposed they have gone to Toronto. they have gone to Toronto.

The Here has ships regularly through the winter.

Last Saurday they dispatched the Gallia, an old, slow stamer. Next week they advertise the Eadbraic mia, which long since tired to the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this morning. It works are found to the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this morning. It would can be required to the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this morning. It would can be required to the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this morning. It would not said the war was used off from the cause of the war was used off from the cause of the war was used off from the cause of the work of the present can be producted by production 29 per cent in the later of the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this morning. It would not said the war was used off from the cause of the war was used off from the cause of the war was used off from the cause of the present can be reported doily were encountered. At 7.250 and the best of the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this morning. It would not be repeated. At 7.250 and the least two days were as unued off from the cause of the present st. Nicholas seciety. How the the war was usuded the war was usuded off from the cause of the present can be additional death expected. At 7.250 and the least two days were encountered. Notwithstanding the later to the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this meriang. It was not to the Johnson house and reviced a later from Connected this meriang. It would not be repeated and the to be made that the the Atchison of the present st. Nicholas seciety. How the form the cause of the present st. Nicholas seciety. How the strength of the present st. Nicholas seciety. The Atlant of the present st.

A FINE CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR HIS WIFE THE BABY WAS LEET IN THE STORE AND A CLERK

TOOK IT HOME AND ADDITED IT. Chicago, Dec. 22 (Special) - Just at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a tall woman, wearing a long black beaver cloak, a black hat turned up on one side joined the great throng of holiday purchasers in the queer looking bundle in her arms. Walking up to the corset department with an air of fatigue, and looking wearly at Miss Gillis, in charge of the counter, she deposited her burden upon some paper. Then the asked Miss Gillis to direct her to the doll department. "You don't know how tired my arms are," she said. I have been carrying this baby nearly all day and I am completely worn out. It is my dead sister's

"That is sad," said Miss Gillis. "Yes," continued the woman; "but if you will take are of the dear little thing for ten minutes or more while I run over to the doll department, I'll be ever

so much obliged." Miss Gillis consented, and taking the queer bundle In her a ms. placed it upon the counter behind her. The baby slept quietly in its little blanket on the corset counter for over half an hoor, while many curious female eyes gazed into the fair little face.

Time passed and the aunt did not return. Before the time for closing the store arrived E. J. Lehmann sent the lost infant to the Armory, whither it was followed by A. W. Wyre, an employe of he house who lives at No. 260 East Kinzie st. Mr. Wyre had taken a great fancy to the child.

'I have been married seven years," he said, "and haven't a single child. What a Christmas present that would make for my wife! She would be crazy with delight."

He stayed around the station, looking fondly at the in her acurs, placed it upon the counter behind her.

dight."
He stayed around the station, looking fondly at the baby time and again, and at his carnest solicitation Captain Buckley at last allowed him to take it home with him. The baby was finely dressed, and the bundle left on the counter by its supposed aunt contained an assortment of handsome baby clothes. To day Wyre and his wife appeared in court and formally adopted the baby.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Clement Arthur Day, Indicted for killing his paramour, Johanna Rosa Cross, was found guilty to-day of murder in the first degree, in the Oneida County Court, and was sentenced by Judge the Onelda County Court, and was renement by some Williams to be hanged in Utlea, Feb. 9, 1see. The murder was committed last June at Lock No. 66, on the Black River Canal. Day killed the girl with a pocket-kilfe because her mother wanted her to live with another man. The defence was insanity.

ENDICOTI DINES WITH MILLIONAIRES. Chicago, Dec. 22 (Special).—Potter Palmer, O. S. A. Sprague, George M. Pullman, Edson Keith, E. M. Phelps, J. W. Doane, Marshall Field, "Phil' D. Ar mour and several other Chicago millionaires, who were conspicuous in having a military post located near Chicago, gave a gorgeous luncheon to secretary of War Endicott at the Richelleu to-day.

FAILURE OF A FLORIDA MERCHANT. JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 22.—The Habilities of S. Ritz-woller, who assigned yesterday, are \$78,000. The creditors will probably get their pay in full. FROZEN TO DEATH IN KANSAS

RAILROADS UNABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE IN-CREASE OF POPULATION THIS YEAR-NO CORN TO BURN-LIVES LOST IN ALL THE WESTERN COUNTIES.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22 (Special).-The terrible orm which raged through Southwestern Kansas on Monday and Tuesday caused suffering and death in every county. The scarcity of coal that began to be felt a month ago increased as cold weather approached and many of the settlers were caught without fuel and frozen to death. The people in that portion of the State settled on Government claims and were without money, depending entirely upon their crop to be raised this fall. The crop was a failure, leaving the people destitute. The majority live in rudely built houses which afford little protection. On Monday the mercury went down to 15 degrees below zero and nearly 20 peodoubtful, the police should keep it for ten days ple perished. Near Golden, Grant County, L. C. Clark perished with his team on the prairie while on his way to the town in search of fuel. Two deaths are reported from Greeley County,

on the Colorado line.. A brother and sister, Robin Canada simply as a matter of choice and do not | ert and Sarah Halzpefel, who lived on a claim in an unsettled portion of the county, found themselves without any fuel on Sunday evening. The only wood of any kind within several miles of their place was the lumber in a small shed near by. Finding that they would be obliged to use this lumber or perish the shed was torn down. Only offered several times to settle with them for 100 | a small pertion of the lumber was used that night, cents on the dollar, and Mr. Clark, my Canadian and the remainder was left outside. In the night attorney, will tell you the same. Through the some one stole the lumber, and the young man and stubbornness of one of them I have been unable to girl were again left without fuel. Early in the do so, as he disputed the manner in which the | morning the young man started for Horace, a town proposed settlement was to be made. These offers about seven miles off, hoping to get some coal. He succeeded in getting 200 pounds of coal late in the afternoon, but being obliged to travel in an trustees in but this is on account of my absence. | opposite direction to the furious wind then blow-I left home on the advice of my physician, and | ing. he did not reach home until nearly midnight. have remained away on the advice of my lawyers. His limbs were then numb and he was so exhausted I first went West to Chicago, and have been travel that it was with difficulty that he gained admission to the house. He found his sister dead, Mrs. Riley and two children perished netar iDghton,

A family of four travelling overland in Clark myself, as I thought I might not get enough to suit | County had a terrible experience. The little twoher, so I nelvised her to engage John B. Clark, of year-old child was frezen on its mother's breast, Toronto, one of the ablest lawyers in that city. and later the father expired just as they came in She did so. Mr. Clark never supposed there was sight of a house. Deaths are reported from sev-

The railroads control the mines and are there

" In the last three years there have been con structed nearly 3,000 miles of nulroad track in to about \$1,000,000. I will go back in a few the state of Kansas. Every mile of this track requires a certain amount of coal for its operation, consist of real estate and personal property. I and I think scarcely a mile of the new read passes a coal field, or has in any degree contributed by production or otherwise to the coal supply. On the line of these newly constructed roads hundreds of towns have been built. These towns aroccupied by thousands upon thousands of people from abroad, and mills and factories have been established, every one of which requires the consumption of a certain amount of feel, but not one contributes in any way to its production. At the present time there are no statistics obtainable that would correctly show the increase in population in Western Kansas in the past year, but it is safe to say that it has been enormeds, much be-yond anything in the history of that portion of the State generally. In past years Kansas has been favored with a bountiful corn crop, and this was in many cases used by the people as a substitute for coal, but this year the corn crop was almost a failure. For months it has been a serious question for those interested in coal production in this country as to how an increased demand can be the summer to take all possible steps to increase Julius J. Frank, Cohnfeld's New York attorney, its output, but to accomplish this many miles of afternoon. At the ruins of the three mills fire is still was confronted with the above interview yesterday railroad had to be constructed and mining machin-smouldering. Up to the present time there have been

> THE STORIES OF SUFFERING DENIED. SUNSHINE REVISITING KANSAS-THE WANT OF FUEL

KANSAS CIIT, Mo., Dec. 22.—The weather continues to moderate in this city and in Kansas. To night the hermometer is 23° above zero and is slowly rising. which go far to remove the impression that there is ex. treme suffering in Kansas from lack of food and fuel while there have undoubtedly been isolated cases of death from exposure, and instances of individual of death from exposure, and instances of individual suffering from scarcity of provisions or coal, there is no doubt that the condition of affars has been greatly exaggerated and misrepresented by irresponsible persons. A dispatch to night from Arkansas City near the Indian Territory line says that less than one linch of snow fell there and that there has been no suffering whatever, and adds that the people of Arkan sas City would be glad to send presents to their exitern friends if the latter will make known their holividual necessities.

Clark County, Kansas, which has been reported as being the region where the most suffering pre-called, sends an emphatic denial of the stories to The Times to night through A. L. Cowden, postmaster at Ashland, the county seat. Mr. Cowden says that the storm abated on Tuesday. While there was a strong wind, only four inches of snow fell and the thermometer did not go below zero. No suffer-ing or loss of life is reported in the county. The following dispatch to the Associated Press from Hutchloson, in the south central portion of the State, was received to night:

"The only effect of the cold snap at this place has been to stop work on the many buildings now being erected here. Plenty of coal here, and there has been no scarcity this season. Special dispatches to "The News" from points within a radius of a hur dred miles indicate that there has been no indicate that there has been no indicate that there has been no indicate suffering from the cold. We have no advices of any scarcity of food or fuel. The backbone of the blizzard is broken and to day was bright and tunshiny."

GARDEN CITY, Kan., Dec. 22.-In conversation with epresentatives of eleven counties of Southwest Kanrepresentatives of eleven counties of Southwest Kan-sas, "The Sentinel" to day learned that in those counties there has been no more suffering from the rold snap than is usually experienced by people who are provided against such emergencies with flotting, food and fuel. "The Sentinel" has correspondents in twelve counties from whom it hears regularly, and it can state authoritatively that in the counties of Scott, Wichita, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearney, Fin-ney, Haskell, Grant, Stanton, Morton, Stevens, Few-ard, Gray and Garfield there has been no more suffer-ing than the usual inconvenience from cold in any community.

MUCH SUFFERING IN NEBRASKA Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—It is believed that the re-ports of the blizzard sweeping over Western Nebraska will show that a number of lives have been lost in the storm. Owing to the distance from the railroad of the new and more unprotected homesteads and settlers, the facts cannot be known for several days settlers, the facts cannot be known for several days. In the recently organized County of Perkins a man and boy were attempting to reach their ranch, twenty miles from Ogalalia, when the storm overpowered them. Both were frozen to death. Another man, John Grant, who had been on railroad construction work on the Black Hills extension of the Buillington and Missouri River road, was found dead a mile from camp. On the Kansas line no dead have been discovered, although suffering is reported as severe.

TRAINS WRECKED IN A STORM. ROCK RAPIDS, Iowa, Dec. 22 -On the Cherokee and Dakota branch of the Illinois Central, a train loaded with supplies about ten miles west of this place was in collision with a work train, which had on board about 200 laborers. There was a blizzard from the northwest and neither engineer discovered the danger until the two trains were within twenty yards of each other. The engineer and fireman on the outgoing train were badly hurt. Fireman George Davis, of Cherokee, died from his injuries. Engineer Caffell is

in a critical condition having received severe injuries in the spine and internally. Many of the laborers were slightly injured. The collision was caused by moving the telegraph office at this point. The in-coming train was without orders. THE COAL CARS GUARDED BY ARMED MEN.

NAPHTHA BURST A BUILDING. THREE VICTIMS OF A BIG EXPLOSION.

THE WHOLE FRONT WALL BLOWN TO ATOMS-SUP POSED SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION. An explosion at the United Gas Improvement

Company's works in Sixth-st., Jersey City, a few minutes after noon yesterday wrecked a small brick building, injured two men and a boy and caused great excitement in the neighborhood for a short time. The building in which the explosion occurred adjoined the main building an was used as an office. Joseph Rusby, age eight een, a clerk, and Charles Machold were in the office a few minutes after 12, when a slight explosion occurred apparently under the floor. Machold started to go down stairs to investigate but Rusby advised him to wait a few minutes a there might be another explesion. Machold said he thought not and had taken two or three steps toward the door leading to the cellar when a terrific explosion occurred which seemed to lift the building from its foundations.

The floor was lifted up toward the ceiling, the front wall was blown out, and the side wall next the gangway was hurled a distance of three or The remaining walls stood firm and sustained the roof, thus preventing a complete collapse of the building. Rusby and Machold had a miraculous escape from instant death. Neither of them has any definite idea of what happened They know that they heard the noise of the ex plosion, felt the concussion, and the next moment they were being bombarded with flying bricks and timbers. Machold's right arm was dislocated at the shoulder, and he was badly bruised about the head and body. His eyebrows and hair wer scorched by a momentary flash of flame which followed the explosion. Rusby was cut in the face and bruised. A boy named John Ryan, age twelve, was not so fortunate. He lives in Ho boken and was on his way to the abattoir with dinner for his father, who is a sheep butcher. As he was passing the building the second explosion occurred, and he was knocked down and buried under the bricks which a moment before had com-

posed the front wall. Policeman Terwilliger, aided by willing hands soon dug the lad out from under the rains, and he was found to be alive but seriously injured. His head and face were cut in several places and there were bruises on every part of his body. He was taken in an ambulance to the City Hospital, where it was found that in addition to his external injuries he was suffering from shock. The physicians have some hope of his recovery, if he is not injured internally. An alarm from box 23 brought the firemen and policemen to the scene. The services of the firemen were not required, but

The services of the firemen were not required, but the police remained in the neighborhood for some time, keeping back the crowd which quickly gathered in large numbers.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined, but it is supposed to have occurred in an old pipe which was formerly used for connecting a naptha tank with a gasometer in the office which registered the quantity of naptha used. The pipe passed under the office floor, but has not been in use for some time. When it was in use it leaked, and the ground under it was heavily saturated with naptha. It is supposed that the heat in the office and from the steam connections volatilazed the naptha and produced a quantity of gas under the office floor. As there was no fire or flame near it, the explosion is believed to have resulted from spontaneous combustion. An investigation will be made to determine the exact cause.

THE ROCHESTER EXPLOSION. A LEAK FOUND IN THE GAS PIPE NEAR THE SCENE

-NO MORE DEATHS.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 22.—There is little talked about in the city to-day but the explosion of naphtha yesterday.

PRITERIES, Dec. 22.—About ten days ago a New-York lawyer arrived here, ostensibly to look over some papers filed in a case in the United States Court. but really to discover whether there was any real estate or other property here in the name of Richard B. Conrelly or Richard Connelly, Ir. No such property B. Connelly or Elehard Connenty, Jr. So an appearance outd be found, and a local attorney was asked to ascertain if any investments had ever been made in Fittsburg. This inquiry failed and the lawyer went away. Whether he had anything to do with the New York suits against the Tweed ring is not known, but the surmise is natural.

When the Tweed regime was in the height of its When the Tweed regime was married here by

power, Richard Connelly, Ir., was married here by Bishop Domenec to a well-known lady of Pittsburg. The young couple lived for some time in New-York and then went abroad. While they were in Paris the crash of the Tweed ring came and the elder Con-nelly soon joined them with the larger portion of his fortune. Young Mrs. Connolly died after the birth fortune. Young Mrs. Connolly died after the birth of a son and daughter, and Richard B. Connolly soon followed her. Young Connelly sent his children to Pittsburg in order that they might grow up under the care of their grandparents and annts.

For many years they have lived here, bearing the name of their mother. The boy is now about teventeen years old and is a remarkable musician, while his sister is an accomplished young lady. A few weeks ago Connolly sent for his son, saying that he wanted him to receive the benefits of a musical rduration in Paris.

AN ENGINEER NABROWLY ESCAPES LYNCHING CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—An incoming Baltimore and Ohlo train ploughed at full speed through the crowd boarding the Illinois suburban train at VanBuren Station last evening. Fully 200 people were throughng the racks at the time, and without a whistle or note of tracks at the train was upon them. Miss Lottie Laun-derville was thrown through the air a distance of 15 Themse H. Woodl derville was thrown through the air a distance of 15 r 20 feet and fatally injured. Immediately after the accident the Baltimore and Ohio train backed up, and had barely stopped when the cab was boarded by an infuriatederowd of persons who had narrowly escaped The engineer was roughly seized, and cries of him?" "Kill him?" were shouted from him ill him?" were shouted from han-Two policemen rescued the cower-

dreds of throats. Two policeming man from the throng. A NEGRO HIGHWAYMAN SENTENCED. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—William Smith, the colored nan who was recently arrested in Fairmount Park for assaulting and robbing young men and boys in the park and vicinity, was to-day arraigned before Judge Allison on five bills of indictment and entered pleas of guilty. In two instances, Smith had entirely stripped his young victims and left them in the woods on the outskirts of the city without clothing. One of the lads had resisted his assailant and stabbed him in the wrist and leg, and this was one of the means of his identification when arrested, as he had gone to a hespital to have these wounds dressed. Judge Allison sentenced the prisoner to seventeen years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

KILLING A SUCCESSFUL RIVAL. KILLING A SUCCESSFUL RIVAL.

LYNCABURG, Va., Dec. 22.—An "Advance" dispatch

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R. A. McCardy from Scott County, says: "Napoleon B. Templeton was murdered yesterday by George Adams in the road was murdered yesterday by George Adams in the road near Estilville. Both were young men of the best families, and jealousy was the cause of the murder. Templeton married the girl both were courting, and Adams determined to have revenge. Meeting Temple-ton vesterday talking to friends he drew a pistol, and without saying a word shot him between the eyes, killing him instantly. The murderer escaped, but a Sheriff's posse is after him."

MAYOR EDMUNDS, OF CAPE MAY, ACQUITTED. CAPE MAY, N. J., Dec. 22.-Tee trial of Mayor J. Henry Edmunds, of this city, for attempted bribery of members of the Common Council in an effort to well the city water works to a private individual in 1886, which begun in the Cape May County Court yesterday, closed this afternoon, resulting in a verdict of acquittal. NEW-ENGLAND'S GREAT DAY. THE NEW-YORK SOCIETY'S DINNER.

PRAISES OF THE PILGRIMS SOUNDED BY ELOQUENT MEN. SPIECHES BY HORACE RUSSELL, THE REV. DR. TWICHELI, W. BOURKE COCKRAN, MAYOR HEWITT, E. O. WOLCOTT, G. NERAL SCHO-

FIELD, GENERAL PORTER AND CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW. The sons of the Pilgrims who assembled at Delonico's last night to perpetuate the memory of their ancestors were men of whom the Pilgrims themselves, stern judges as they were; would have no cause to feel ashamed. And in what high esteem the sons hold their fathers a perusal of the speeches will s ow. The occasion was the eightyecond anniversary of the New-England Society of Nearly three hundred members and guests filled the banquet hall to overflowing, some them being compelled to enjoy the material part

I the feast in an adjoining room. The bringuet was one of Delmonico's best-some thing which imagination alone could do justice to -and the sons of the Pilgrims showed that although they had departed far from the frugal habits of their forefathers, they had at least inserited their capacious appetites. It took a long time to dispose of the dinner, but the feat was accomplished at last, showing that the sons of the Pilgrims possess something, at least, of the tenacity of purpose of their forefathers.

TURNING ON THE ORATORY.

Then ex-Judge Horace Russell, the president of the society, turned on the oratory, and it flowed in a steady stream until nearly midnight. But so inspiring and entertaining was it that those who listened to it paid little heed to the flight of time, and when it was all over, like Oliver Twist, they felt disposed to ask for more.

Ex-Judge Russell himself led off in a felicitous speech which awakened hearty laughter and set everybody in a good humor. The Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, of Hartford, responded for the first toast, "Forefathers' Day," and was equally good in his serious and humorous flights.

W. Bourke Cockran delivered a stream of impassioned oratory that drove the stenographers almost frantic in their efforts to keep pace with it, but the Sons of the Pilgrims enjoyed it.

Mayor Hewitt, speaking for the State and City of New-York, didn't confine himself to his text by any means. What he said about the necessity of keeping out the enemies of liberty and free government was warmly applauded, but it was equally noticeable that his defence of the President's plan for dealing with the tariff was only faintly

A STIRRING VOICE FROM THE NEW WEST, E. O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who spoke for "The Pilgrim in the West," made a decided hit, some thought the hit of the evening. There was no mistaking the sentiment which greeted his straightforward but kindly allusion to the fact that the South, although forgiven, has never acknowledgment that she was wrong, and that there are many who are yet awaiting that acknowledged as the one thing needful to scal forever the new compact of friendship between the North and South. General Schoffeld spoke briefly for the Army

and Navy, and General Horace Porter was as enjoyable as he always is, and Chauncey M. Depew was equal to himself and the occasion.

THE MEN WHO WERE PRESENT.

The following are the names of those who were PRESIDENT'S TABLE

Horaco Russell, President. The Lev. Joseph H. Twichell, A. S. Hewitt, E. O. Wolcoff. E. O. Wolcott. Channers M. Depew. General John M. Schofield. General Horner Parter. John C. Calhom, Prosident Southern Society.

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George M. Hard
W. C. Noyes
James O. Hovt
R. R. Cornell
Oranville P. Hawes
Henry W. Cannos
Alred Van Santveord
George Montague
John A. Hall
Thomas Rutter
Frederic A. Polta
John S. While
William S. Wallace Table

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Samuel Shethar
Edward H. Ferkins, jr.
W. P. Windsor
Benjamin Browster
H. M. Flagler
R. P. Flower
O. B. Jennings
J. Holmes, jr.
Will am Mack
John H. Flagg
J. D. Archbold
Ambross Dawes
Wayne Griswold
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Frederick H. Gibbons
Pavsen Merrill
William S. Nichols
Charles M. Stead H. H. Rogers Hugh Auchine

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Addison C. Rand
George H. Sargent
Albert Remick
W. Hart Smith
Jasper R. Rand
William Quincy Riddle
Joseph W. Howe.
George H. Saupson
Hon, Henry E. Howland
Howland Davis
I. F. Whith
The Rev A. P. Atterbury
Edward E. Browne
W. C. Witherbee
Silas H. Witherbee
A. R. Flower
J. Seaver Fage
F. Hopkinsen Smith Parlor Table.

W. S. Ballon
Dr. Edward D. Fisher
A. L. Merriam
George Wilson
E. B. Sanger
H. C. Ha-kell
E. R. Peck
Francis P. Freeman
John Monroe
D. S. Palge N. Fisher Irving R. Fisher

EX-JUDGE RUSSELL'S WELCOME. It was nearly 10 o'clock when coffee and elgars were